Abstract of the Disclosure

A method, computer program, and database system are disclosed for executing database queries. The database includes a first table (T1) having a primary key (PK) column and a first correlated value column (CV1) and a second table (T2) having a foreign key (FK) column related to the primary key column of the first table and a second correlated value column (CV2). One implementation of the method includes preparing a database query for execution based at least in part on application of a derived constraint rule (DCR) having the form, (PK = FK) \rightarrow CV₂ + C₁ \leq CV₂ + C₂, where C₁ and C₂ are constants and " \rightarrow " means "implies," to produce an execution plan. Abort steps that are conditioned on changes in the DCR are also included in the execution plan. The plan is then executed.

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